GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1020
ANSWERED ON:25.11.2002
PRESERVATION OF MONUMENTS BY PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS
M.H. AMBAREESH

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Union Government have entered into any MoU with some private organisations to fund the preservation of heritage monuments in the country;

(b)if so, the details thereof, heritage-wise and organisation-wise;

(c)the total fund released by each of these organisations for the purpose;

(d)the organisations that have not yet released the money in violation of the MoU; and

(e)the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)to(d)Yes, Sir. The Department of Culture through the National Culture Fund has entered into MoU with Private Organisations as per Annexure. .

(e)Project details relating to Jantar Mantar and the Taj Mahal are being finalised.Once this is done, private organistions will be asked to deposit the requisite funds for carrying out works.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1020 FOR 25.11.2002

Name of Sponsoring Agency	Name of Monument	Estimated cost for the activities identified	Funds released so far	Comments
Apeejay Surendra Hotels	Jantar Mantar, Delhi	Rs.10 lakhs	Nil	Documentation and planning is in progress.
Aga Khan Foundation and Oberoi Group of Hotels (Aga Khan Trust)	Humayun`s Tomb, Delhi	Rs.2.25 crores	Rs. 29.00 lakhs	Revitalisation of garden is in progress.
Indian Hotels Company Ltd. (Tata Group)	Taj Mahal, Agra. (U.P.)	Rs.1.87 crores	Nil	Conceptual plan and item of works to be executed are being finalised.